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1. In early June, source determined that the Elmenthal Kaserne on Rudolstedter Strasse and Jenaer Strasse in Erfurt (N 51/J 36) which was previously occupied by civilians was vacated for military purposes. The Berg Kaserne which was reconditioned during a long period of time was completed but was still vacant. *

2. The Oberlausitzer Hof hotel in Ioskau (O 52/A 30) had to be vacated within 48 hours' time after the orders were issued on 21 May. A detachment of 4 officers and 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia arrived on 29 May. The ranking officer was a captain. No motor vehicles were seen.

3. The komandatura in Koenigsbrueck was transferred to Hoyerswerda (N 52/A 53) in mid-June. **

4. A Soviet troop camp was established in the Seeblick hotel at the Maltersalsperre (dam) near Dippoldiswalde (N 51/P 17) in mid-June. The hotel was surrounded by a high board fence and, on 16 June, was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

5. On 19 June, the Strassburg Kaserne in Grimma (N 52/E 40), was occupied by a unit of between 50 and 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets which was equipped with three T-34 tanks. Residents stated that about 100 soldiers moved to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds on 15 June. [REDACTED]

The Elmer Kaserne was vacant. ***

* [REDACTED] Comment. Further information is needed to determine whether the two barracks installations mentioned were vacated for Volkspolizei (VP) or for Soviet units. The Berg Kaserne which is located near the Petersberg hill was last occupied by an infantry officer school of the VP. No information was received to indicate that the barracks installation was again occupied this year.

** [REDACTED] Comment. New komandaturas were reportedly reported in June. A similar measure was observed in Altengrabow on 8 June.

*** [REDACTED] Comment. Two other sources reported the transfer to Koenigsbrueck of elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Grimma in April 1952. The soldiers seen at the Strassburg Kaserne are believed to be a rear detachment of the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed there.